

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A container comprising a base having a bottom wall and a continuous base wall, the continuous base wall encompassing the bottom wall and extending upwardly therefrom, the base being made from a mixture of a polyolefin and a filler, the mixture comprising from about 35 to about 65 [30 to about 75] wt.% filler and from about 35 to about 65 [25 to about 70] wt.% polyolefin, the filler includes talc [a high aspect ratio filler] and calcium carbonate [a low aspect ratio filler], the talc [high aspect ratio filler] having an aspect ratio of at least about 5:1 and the calcium carbonate [low aspect ratio filler] having an aspect ratio of less than about 3:1, the filler comprising from about 50 wt.% to about 75 wt.% calcium carbonate [at least 50 wt.% of low aspect ratio filler].

2. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the container further comprises a lid, the lid having a top wall and a continuous lid wall, the lid wall encompassing the top wall and extending downwardly therefrom, the lid comprising a polyolefin and a filler, the lid [base] comprising from about 35 [30] to about 65 [75] wt.% filler and from about 35 [25] to about 65 [70] wt.% polyolefin, the filler including talc [a high aspect ratio filler] and calcium carbonate [a low aspect ratio filler], the talc [high aspect ratio filler] having an aspect ratio of at least about 5:1 and the calcium carbonate [low aspect ratio filler] having an aspect ratio of less than about 3:1, the filler comprising from about 50 wt.% to about 75 wt.% calcium carbonate [at least 50 wt.% of the low aspect ratio filler].

3. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the talc [high aspect ratio filler] has an aspect ratio of from about 5:1 to about 40:1.

4. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 3, wherein the talc [high aspect ratio filler] has an aspect ratio of from about 10:1 to about 20:1.

5. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the calcium carbonate [low aspect ratio filler] has an aspect ratio of from 1:1 to about 2:1.

6-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is a polypropylene, a polyethylene, or combinations thereof.

12. (Original) The container of claim 11, wherein the polyolefin is a polypropylene.

13. (Original) The container of claim 12, wherein the polyolefin is a polypropylene homopolymer.

14. (Original) The container of claim 12, wherein the polyolefin is an impact copolymer polypropylene.

15-22. (Cancelled)

23-46. (Withdrawn)